



THE LATE FREDERICK DOUGLASS.

One of the Great Colored Men of Maryland—by John E. Bruce.

MARYLAND'S RICHEST PEARL.

Orator, Scholar and Thinker—Frederick Douglass was the Peer of any man of his Generation—The John Brown Episode.

If Virginia may justly lay claim to being the Mother of Presidents, Maryland may with equal justice lay claim to being the Father of the greatest and most eminent Negroes in America—Negroes whose genius, eloquence, talents, scholarly attainments and wonderful capabilities have been admitted, recognized and respected, by not alone the so called superior race, but by the educated and cultured of their own race, who willingly concede their right to stand as the representatives of the best thought, and the highest achievements in their respective spheres, attained by the Negroes of America. Benjamin Banneker as were all the other great Negroes who happened to have been born in the State of Maryland belonged to the Negro race. The accident of birth is merely an incident, but these incidents have occurred with great frequency in the State of Maryland.

In what civilized county of the globe is the name of Frederick Douglass unknown? In what part of American or of Europe is not his name and fame as a runaway slave, anti slavery orator champion of the rights of outraged black humanity as familiar to the student of contemporaneous history as that of any one of the great characters who have made their names immortal by glorious deed?

Frederick Douglass is confessedly facile princeps of the great Negroes of America. A leader of leaders in very truth. No other Negro in America dead or living occupies such a conspicuous place on the pages of history, or in the thoughts and memory of mankind, the world over as Frederick Douglass.

Coming generation will honor him, even more than the present generation their vision will be clearer and their appreciation of his great services to black humanity in the cause that needed defenders will be more sincere and practical and substantial. And before the middle of the 20th Century the Negroes of America will have erected in the city of Washington, the scene of the greater part of his struggle for the up lift and regeneration of his race, a monument of enduring Bronze or marble as their tribute to his matchless worth, his unselfish devotion to their interest and his indomitable courage in public life and in private station. On its base they will cause to be inscribed these noble words of his great friend Theodore Tilton:

"There never walked a grander man than he! He was a peer of princes—yea a King! Crowned in the shambles and the prison pen! The noblest slave that ever God set free!"

Just before his departure for Europe

which was delayed by the John Brown insurrection in West Virginia, and has hastened by Governor Wise's overweening desire to make his acquaintance he addressed the following letter to the Rochester Democrat, which disposes of the charge laid against him that he was in collusion with Brown in his raid on Harpers Ferry:

Canada West, Monday Oct. 13, 1859.  
Editor of the Rochester Democrat.

I notice that the telegram makes Mr. Cook (one of the unfortunate insurgents at Harpers Ferry, and now a prisoner in the hands of that thing calling itself the government of Virginia, but which is but an organized conspiracy by one party of the people against the other and weaker) denounce me as a coward—and so apart that I promised to be present person at the Harpers Ferry insurrection. This is certainly a very grave impeachment, whether viewed in its bearings upon friends or upon foes, and you will not think it strange that I should take a somewhat serious notice of it. Having no acquaintance whatever with Mr. Cook and never having exchanged a word with him about the Harpers Ferry insurrection. I am disposed to doubt that he could have used the language concerning me which the wires attributed to me. The lightning when speaking for itself, is among the most direct, reliable and truthful of things; but when speaking for the terror stricken, slave holders at Harpers Ferry it has been made the swiftest of liars. Under their nimble and trembling fingers it magnified seventeen men into seven hundred, and has since filled the columns of the New York Herald for days with interminable contradictions. But assuming that it has told the truth as to the sayings of Mr. Cook in this instance, I have this answer to make to my accuser: Mr. Cook may be perfectly right in denouncing me as a coward. I have not one word to say in defense or vindication of my character. I have always been more distinguished for running than fighting—and tried by the Harpers Ferry insurrection test, I am most miserably deficient in courage—even more so than Cook when he deserted his brave old captain and fled to the mountains. To this extent Mr. Cook is entirely right and will meet no contradiction from me or from anybody else. But wholly, grievously and most unaccountably wrong is Mr. Cook when he asserts that I promised to be present in person at the Harpers Ferry insurrection. Of whatever other imprudence and indiscretion I may have been guilty, I have never made a promise so rash and wild as this. The taking of Harpers Ferry was a measure never encouraged by my word or vote at any time or place. My wisdom or my cowardice has not only kept me from Harpers Ferry but has equally kept me from making any promise to

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go there. I desire to be quite emphatic here for all guilty men, he is the guiltiest who lures his fellow men to an undertaking of this sort under promise of assistance which he afterwards fails to render. I therefore declare that there is no man living, and no man dead, who if living could truthfully say that I ever promised him or anybody else either conditionally or otherwise, that I would be present in person at the Harpers Ferry insurrection. My field of labor for the abolition of slavery has not extended to an attack upon the United States arsenal. In the teeth of the documents already published and of those which may hereafter be published, I affirm that no man connected with that insurrection, from its noble and heroic leader down, can connect my name with a single broken promise of any sort whatever. So much I may deem it proper to say negatively. The time for a full statement of what I know and of all know of this desperate and sublimely disinterested effort to emancipate the slaves of Maryland and Virginia from their cruel task masters has not yet come and may never come. In the denial which I have now made my motive is more a respectful consideration for the opinions of the slave's friends than my fear of being an accomplice in the general conspiracy against slavery. I am ever ready to write, speak, publish, organize, combine and even to conspire against slavery when there is a reasonable hope of success. Men who live by robbing their fellow men of their labor and liberty have forfeited their right to know anything of the thoughts, feelings or purposes of those whom they rob and plunder. They have by the single act of slave holding, voluntarily placed themselves beyond the laws of justice and honor, and have become only fitted for companionship with thieves and pirates—the common enemies of God and of all mankind. While it shall be considered right to protect one's self against thieves, burglars, robbers and assassins and to slay a wild beast in the act of devouring his human prey, it can never be wrong for the imbruted and whip-scarred slaves or their friends to hunt, harass and even strike down traffickers in human flesh.

If anybody is disposed to think less of me on account of this sentiment, or because I may have had a knowledge

of what was about to occur, and did not assume the base and detestable character of an informer, he is a man whose good or bad opinion of me may be equally repugnant and despicable. Entertaining this sentiment, I may be asked why I did not join John Brown?—the noble old hero whose one right hand has shaken the foundations of the American Union, and whose ghost will haunt the bed chambers of all the born and unborn slaveholders of Virginia through all their generations, filling them with alarm and consternation! My answer to this has already been given at least impliedly given. "The tools to those who can use them." Let every man work for the abolition of slavery in his own way. I would help all and hinder none. My position in regard to the Harpers Ferry insurrection may be easily inferred from these remarks, and I should be glad if those papers which have spoken of me in connection with it, would find room for this statement

I have no apology for keeping out of the way of those gentlemanly United States marshalls, who are said to have paid Rochester a somewhat protracted visit lately with a view of an interview with me. A government recognizing the validity of the Dred Scott decision at such a time as this is not likely to have any very charitable feelings towards me, and if I am to meet its representatives, I prefer to do so at least upon equal terms. If I have committed any offense against society I have done so on the soil of the state of New York, and I should be perfectly willing there to be arraigned before an impartial jury; but I have quite insuperable objections to be caught in the hands of Mr. Buchanan and "bagged" by Gov. Wise.

Mrs. Bertha Hardy Gorgas has returned to Philadelphia, after pleasant visit here of a week.

An entertainment given by the Fifteenth Street Sunday School for the purpose of replenishing the library with new books was a complete success. A handsome sum was realized.

Miss Minnie A. Lucas, of Bennings, D. C., conducts a model school.